



HON. JOHN R. DONEHOO.

HON. JOHN R. DONEHOO, whose prestige as an attorney-at-law is well known to the citizens of West Virginia, is a prominent resident of New Cumberland, Hancock County. He was born at Cross Creek, Washington County, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1834, and is a son of James and Eliza (Ramsey) Donehoo.

James Donehoo was born in Armagh, Ireland, in 1800, and was brought to this country by his parents, Daniel and Nancy (McCune) Donehoo, when he was an infant. His parents settled in Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, and the father followed farming until his death at the home of his son, James, about the year 1850. James Donehoo became a tailor by

trade and, being an intelligent and influential man, was made a justice of the peace, an office he efficiently filled for more than 40 years, being at the time of his death, in 1873, one of the oldest justices in Pennsylvania. He had also served as county commissioner and was at one time a member of the State Legislature of Pennsylvania. He married Eliza Ramsey, who was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1809, and was a daughter of John and Martha (Shields) Ramsey, natives of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

John R. Donehoo, after completing his preliminary education at Cross Creek Academy, read law with C. W. Russell at Wheeling, and was admitted to the bar in 1857. After practicing in Hancock County for a time he went to Wheeling, and successfully followed his profession there for a number of years. Going thence to Washington, Pennsylvania, he practiced for four years and in the meantime edited the *Washington Examiner*. He published a campaign paper in Steubenville, Ohio, for three months, and subsequently removed to Fairview, Hancock County, where he practiced law for a period of 18 months. He then went to Fulton County, Pennsylvania, where he edited the *Fulton Democrat* for four years, during which time he also served

one term as district attorney but resigned during his second term. While there he was also a delegate to the Democratic National Convention held at New York City that nominated Seymour and Blair. Mr. Donehoo next purchased the *Indiana* (Pennsylvania) *Democrat*, which he edited about 18 months, then edited the *Constitution* of Morgantown, West Virginia, for two years. In March, 1874, he again located at Fairview and has since lived in Hancock County and devoted his attention solely to the practice of the law except when he has been called upon to serve in official positions. Since 1890 he has been located at New Cumberland and is recognized by the bar of West Virginia as one of its strong representative members. He commands a good general practice in both State and Federal courts, and is held high in public esteem. In 1874 he was appointed prosecuting attorney for Hancock County, serving two years, and in 1880 was elected to represent Hancock, Brooke and Ohio counties in the State Senate, serving four years with credit to himself and his constituency. He served for eight years as a member of the board of regents for the State Deaf and Blind Schools at Romney, West Virginia.

In 1860, Mr. Donehoo was united

in marriage with Eleanor McCown, who was born in Fairview, Virginia, now West Virginia, and is a daughter of John C. and Eliza (Sproule) McCown. Her father was a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1877. Her mother was born in Ireland and died in 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Donehoo have the following named children: Rev. James D., rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Monroe, Louisiana; Eleanor; Jessie, who married C. S. Bradley, of New Cumberland; and Christine.



G. H. SHREWSBURY.

G. H. SHREWSBURY, an able member of the bar of West Virginia, and a leading citizen of Charleston, Kanawha County, was born July 23,

1872, at Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia. He is a son of Columbus and Cynthia (Jarrett) Shrewsbury, both of whom were born in Kanawha County.

Columbus Shrewsbury followed steamboating on the Great Kanawha and the Ohio rivers for many years. Later he was appointed a deputy United States marshal and still later was elected sheriff of Mason County. He died September 4, 1902, aged 70 years. His wife passed away at the age of 48, in 1882. Both belonged to the Baptist Church. In political adherence Columbus Shrewsbury was a Republican, and fraternally he was a Mason.

G. H. Shrewsbury was educated in the schools at Point Pleasant and took an advanced course in the normal schools at Lebanon and Ada, Ohio. He read law with John U. Meyers and graduated from the law school at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1893. In that year he was admitted to the bar of West Virginia, removed to Charleston and entered the law office of H. B. Smith with whom he remained for a short period and then going with D. C. Gallaher. Two and a half years later, Mr. Shrewsbury opened a law office in the Charleston National Bank Building. He makes a specialty of real

estate law and has gained the reputation of being a very able expounder of the law and a safe counsellor. Although he has a good citizen's interest in politics he chooses rather to win laurels in his profession than in public life. He is identified with the Republican party.

On July 30, 1895, Mr. Shrewsbury was married to Carrie H. Seiker, who was born at Lebanon, Ohio. They have one little daughter, Ruth H. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Shrewsbury are Presbyterians.



W. H. McCLAIN, M. D.

W. H. McCLAIN, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Clendenin, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and

a very prominent Republican politician, was born March 15, 1868, in Doddridge County, West Virginia. He is a son of Robert Alexander and Sarah (Summers) McClain, and a grandson of Robert and Elizabeth McClain.

The McClains are of Scotch extraction and the founders of the family in America located first in Pennsylvania, removing from there to Virginia, now West Virginia. The Summers family is one of distinction in Doddridge County.

Robert Alexander McClain was born November 16, 1837, and is an honored citizen of Roane County, near Spencer. In 1862 he married Sarah Summers, who came of Scotch-German ancestry, and four sons and five daughters were born to this union, all of whom are living.

Dr. McClain was primarily educated in the common schools and received his medical education in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Missouri, where he was graduated March 28, 1893. In April of that year he located at Clendenin and he has been heard to remark that his assets at that time included a pretty fair knowledge of his profession, a fine physique, a check for a small amount, and a determination to make a success of his life. He has done so and is now

regarded as one of the substantial men of that locality, while he has gained universal esteem. His ability soon became apparent and he has built up a large and satisfactory practice.

Dr. McClain has always taken a deep interest in athletics and is a living example of what they accomplish in perfecting physical well-being. From his college days he has found feats of strength easy for him and has won in many contests of speed and agility. A part of his strength was probably inherited from an athletic father, but the genial Doctor is an advocate of athletics as a means to securing and retaining health.

On April 21, 1897, Dr. McClain was married to Nona Campbell, who is a daughter of A. M. Campbell, of Scotch extraction. She was educated in the common schools and the Summersville Normal School and became a popular teacher. No children have been born to them, but they are rearing a niece of Mrs. McClain. In politics Dr. McClain has always been a Republican,—he began campaign work when 16 years old and has never failed to take an active interest ever since. He has been county committeeman and in other ways has been useful to his party. Fraternally he is very prominent in the State. Since 21 years of

age he has been a Knight of Pythias, entering the order at Spencer in Lodge No. 55; he now belongs to Elkana Lodge, No. 63, at Charleston. For nine years he has been a member of Lodge No. 142, I. O. O. F., at Clendenin, has filled all the chairs and is the present noble grand, belonging to Elk Encampment, No. 63, I. O. O. F.

Dr. McClain owns considerable real estate in the vicinity of his home at Clendenin, and has one of the pleasantest offices in the town, located on the banks of the Elk River.



H. D. RUMMEL.

H. D. RUMMEL, a well known resident of Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, is an attorney

and at the present time city solicitor of the city of Charleston. He was born in Kanawha County, West Virginia, August 13, 1875, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Newhouse) Rummel, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of what is now West Virginia. Henry Rummel, who is a successful manufacturer of Charleston, is one of the substantial residents of this State.

H. D. Rummel attended the public schools of Charleston and later pursued an advanced course of study at Johns Hopkins University. He also took the law course at the Maryland University, Baltimore, and ranked fifth in the class of 1895 of 114 members. He was admitted to the bar in Maryland and later in West Virginia. He practiced in the former State for two years and then removed to Charleston. In 1901 he was elected city solicitor for a term of two years and in March, 1903, was re-elected for another term. He is a staunch Republican, a good and logical speaker.

In 1900 Mr. Rummel was united in marriage with Ruth H. Millard of Baltimore.

S. L. WATSON, of Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, born December 27, 1848, has devoted his en-

tire life and apparently inexhaustible energy to the development of West Virginia and, particularly, of Marion County. Mr. Watson has been associated with his father and brothers in all stages of the development of the Fairmont Coal field and is one of the leading executive officials of the Fairmont Coal Company. He is personally acquainted with more men of all classes than any other man in West Virginia and has taken an active part in State and county politics, although never an aspirant for office. His keen perception of opportunities combined with an ability to direct others, has inspired the confidence of all who have been associated with him and he has been interested in practically every successful enterprise, including electric light, gas, glass, industrial, development, banking, building and a score of other companies. During the past month he has taken over the Fairmont & Clarksburg Traction Company and is devoting his energy to bettering its equipment and service.

Mr. Watson resides on Eighth street and is the father of one daughter and three sons, the sons being actively engaged with him in the various enterprises with which he is prominently identified.



HOMER B. WOODS.

HOMER B. WOODS. It is always a pleasure to contemplate the character of a man who has arisen from the ranks, alone and unaided by wealth and influence. Such a man is Homer B. Woods, the subject of this sketch. Rev. P. A. Woods, a prominent minister of the Baptist Church came to what is now West Virginia from Pennsylvania in 1844 and settled near Harrisville, in Ritchie County. It was there that Homer B. Woods was born, July 16, 1869.

He attended the district schools and at the age of 16 began teaching country schools in winter, working on the farm in the summer. After following the vocation of teaching several years, he was elected principal of the Harris-

ville graded schools. While occupying this position, he was nominated for the office of county superintendent of schools and in May, 1891, was unanimously elected, and served two terms in this capacity. In the meantime he had been engaged in the study of the law and in 1891 he entered the State University Law School at Morgantown. Having fitted himself for the practice of his profession, in 1892 he was admitted to the bar. In 1895 he founded the *Ritchie Standard* and served as its editor in 1896; in June of that year he was nominated by the Republican convention for the office of prosecuting attorney of Ritchie County. He was elected to this position by a majority of nearly 700. As evidence of the manner in which he discharged the duties of this office, he was renominated in 1900, and was elected by the largest majority ever theretofore given in the county to any candidate for public office.

On September 10, 1891, Mr. Woods was married to Winifred Davis, daughter of Hon. Thomas E. Davis, of Harrisville, and three children have been born to them.

Mr. Woods is a fearless and able prosecutor but at the same time is careful and conscientious in his practice. No man's public record is cleaner or

more honorable than his. He is an active politician and has contributed in no small degree to the success of the Republican party in his native county and State. He was a delegate from West Virginia to the Republican National League held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1895, and was at one time one of the vice-presidents of the organization in West Virginia. His large law practice attests his devotion to his chosen profession and his large and well selected library proclaims him a student as well as an attorney.



JOHN SHRADER.

JOHN SHRADER, whose successful and extensive building and contracting has brought him into prominence in Hancock County, West Vir-

ginia, was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1862, and is a son of William and Eliza J. (Byers) Shrader, both of whom were born in Western Pennsylvania, and still reside there, the father being retired from business.

The Shrader family is an old and honorable Dutch one of Pennsylvania, the great-grandfather of our subject having settled near West Newton at an early date, at which time the spelling of the name was Schroeder. William Shrader, the grandfather, was a farmer and was also engaged in the flatboat business, taking provisions to New Orleans and frequently walking the whole distance home. The family is a hardy and long-lived one, and the grandfather lived to a good old age. The father of Mr. Shrader engaged in farming and later in the stock and coal business, and now resides at McKeesport.

John Shrader is one of a family of six children born to his parents. He was reared and educated in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He began his business career as a farmer, and he remained at home assisting his father until he became 20 years of age. After marriage he settled on a farm of his own and continued in agricultural pursuits until 1889. He then sold his

farm to the United States Glass Company, and then began contracting and building. His work has included every line, from houses to railroads. On December 3, 1895, he received the contract for building a bridge across the Ohio River, between East Liverpool and Chester. Mr. Shrader was doubly interested in the success of this great undertaking, as he not only contracted to build the bridge, but also supplied the East Liverpool Bridge Company with much of the money with which to do it. He owned a one-fourth interest in the ground upon which Chester stands and much of which land he still owns, and the completion of this bridge, on January 1, 1896, made sure the permanent growth of Chester, which is now a town of about 3,000 inhabitants. He continues to own stock in the bridge, which is one of the most important public improvements ever made in the locality. At the same time he was constructing the bridge he was engaged in building the East Liverpool & Rock Springs Railway, and the latter was completed in May, 1896.

On March 15, 1882, Mr. Shrader was married to Mary E. McDowell, who was born in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. One daughter, Pearl, was born to this marriage, now a very

attractive young lady. Few men are better known in Hancock County than Mr. Shrader, and few have more push and progressiveness. He is one of the substantial and enterprising men of Chester.



SAMUEL H. SHANNON.

SAMUEL H. SHANNON, postmaster at Clay Court House, Clay County, West Virginia, a member of the mercantile firm of Rhodes, Shannon & Company, and also a large lumber dealer, is one of the prominent men of his section. He was born June 21, 1866, on a farm in Clay County, and is a son of Rev. Norval W. and Susanna (Summers) Shannon, of Nicholas County.

Rev. Norval W. Shannon was a minister in the Methodist Church. He was born in 1817 at Morgantown,

Monongalia County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and was a son of Benjamin Shannon. The latter, with his brother John, founded the family in this part of the country. They were born in Ireland and, after immigrating to America, became wholesale merchants at Philadelphia for some years, but later removed to Morgantown, Virginia, now West Virginia. There he married and had five children born to him, his three sons being Norval W., Robert and Frank. Benjamin Shannon engaged in a milling business at Morgantown and then moved to Weston and later to Clarksburg, and to Ohio in 1858 where he died in 1861. Rev. Norval W. Shannon had only a meager common-school training, and spent his earlier years in teaching school and in as close an application to his books as he could. Thus he prepared for his ministerial work.

Samuel H. Shannon was educated in the common schools and had the advantages of but one term at the Normal School at Concord, Mercer County, West Virginia. He began teaching school after finishing his own course and continued to teach in Clay County, 14 terms in all, until 1899. He has been very prominent in the political life of his section and has been much honored by his party. For three years

he was jailer of the county jail, and from 1896 to 1901 served as a justice of the peace. On January 1, 1892, he was elected mayor of Clay and served through his term to the satisfaction of all concerned. For three years he served as trustee of District No. 5, and for three years was a member of the Town Council during which period the town was incorporated. On August 8, 1899, he was appointed postmaster by the late President McKinley and is still the popular incumbent of the office. Both in 1900 and in 1902 he was a delegate to the State convention of his party and since the former year has been a member of the congressional committee and secretary of the county committee. He was nominated by the County Court and later appointed by the State Board of Health as a member of the county board.

In 1892 Mr. Shannon was married to Maggie E. Reed, who is a daughter of Solomon Reed of Clay County. They have a family of four children, viz.: Irma Blanche, born December 10, 1892; William Halley, born March 10, 1895; Susan Berenice, born February 7, 1897; and Rebecca Olive, born June 29, 1900. Mr. Shannon and family belong to the Methodist Church.

In fraternal association Mr. Shan-

non has long been actively interested and has taken all the honors in the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of which he is counsellor, a position he has held for four years; and he belongs to Zara Lodge, No. 116, Knights of Pythias, and to Pisgah Lodge, No. 180, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Clay. In this order he has filled all the minor offices and is now vice-grand of the lodge.

Mr. Shannon is much esteemed in his vicinity and is identified with many of the leading business interests.



SAMUEL BRASHEAR AVIS.

SAMUEL BRASHEAR AVIS, prosecuting attorney of Kanawha County, and a prominent citizen of Charleston, West Virginia, was born

in Virginia, February 19, 1872, and is a son of B. D. and Hattie E. (Wilson) Avis, both of whom were natives of the Old Dominion.

S. B. Avis received his education in the common schools and at a military academy at Staunton, Virginia, and later at Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Virginia, receiving his degree of B. L. at that old established institution. Mr. Avis then located at Charleston and accepted a position in the United States attorney's office, where he remained about four years. In 1898 he was commissioned captain in Company A, 2nd Regiment, West Virginia Inf., U. S. Volunteers, and served as such in the Spanish-American War, being stationed at Camp Meade and Greenville, South Carolina.

After the close of this war, Captain Avis returned to Charleston and re-entered the office of the United States attorney and remained there until 1900 when he was elected prosecuting attorney for Kanawha County. In politics he is an ardent Republican and enjoys the confidence of the party leaders.

In December, 1899, Mr. Avis married Florence M. Atkinson, who is a daughter of ex-Governor G. W. Atkinson, of Charleston, West Virginia.



JOHN T. GAINER.

JOHN T. GAINER, cashier of the Clay County Bank and one of the most prominent financiers and esteemed citizens of Clay Court House, West Virginia, was born May 31, 1871, in Auburn, Ritchie County, West Virginia. He is a son of Albert and Susan A. (Loudon) Gainer, the former of whom was born in January, 1848, and the latter on January 2, 1849. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Thomas Loudon, who removed from Virginia and settled in Upshur County, West Virginia. She was born in Gilman County and there was married to Albert Gainer. The father of the subject of this sketch is a son of John Gainer and a grandson of Bryan Gain-

Mrs. Marcum when their six sons and four daughters assisted in the exercises of the occasion and were photographed with their venerable parents. The sons are: Thomas D., an attorney, but at present engaged in a general insurance business at Catlettsburg, Kentucky; James H., a farmer of Cabell County, and an ex-member of the State Senate; William W., residing at Ceredo, Wayne County, West Virginia; P. S., living at Catlettsburg, Kentucky; and John S. and Lace, who are partners in the practice of the law at Huntington.

John S. Marcum was primarily educated in Wayne County, where he also studied the law and was admitted to the bar 26 years ago. He was prosecuting attorney for two terms in Wayne County and later in Cabell County, serving 10 consecutive years in that office. Mr. Marcum has been very successful in criminal practice and has won distinction all over the State on account of his ability as an advocate. He has associated with him other able members of the bar, and their well appointed offices are located in the Abbott Building, on the corner of 4th avenue and 9th street.

Mr. Marcum married a member of the Wellman family, also an old and aristocratic one, and two children have been born to this union. J. A. Roy, the

son, aged 19 years, is preparing for the law at the West Virginia University at Morgantown. The daughter, aged 16, is a student in the local schools. The pleasant residence of Mr. and Mrs. Marcum is located at No. 626 10th street. Mr. Marcum and family belong to the Baptist Church. Formerly, Mr. Marcum was a stanch Democrat, but at present votes independently. Fraternally he has served through the chairs of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery in the Masonic order and also belongs to the Elks.



ROBERT BENJAMIN BERNHEIM.

ROBERT BENJAMIN BERNHEIM, a well known citizen of Welch, McDowell County, West Virginia, who is clerk of the County Court, was

born July 1, 1870, in the city of New York. He is a son of Samuel C. and Charlotte Bernheim, both of whom were born in Germany and are now residents of Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Bernheim came to the United States in 1861 and located near New York, where Mr. Bernheim engaged for some time in the mercantile business. In 1885 he removed to West Virginia and served as postmaster of Bramwell during the administration of the late President Benjamin Harrison. In 1903 Mr. Bernheim retired from active business life.

Our subject is one of a family of five children born to his parents. He acquired a solid education in the common schools at Newburgh, New York, and at Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie. After leaving school he accepted a position as buyer and bookkeeper for the Tide Water Coal & Coke Company at Vivian, West Virginia, and remained in that position from 1891 to 1893. In the latter year he moved to Welch as stenographer for Rucker, Keller & Hamill, attorneys-at-law, and also as reporter for the McDowell County Criminal Court. He continued with this firm until January, 1897, when he took up the duties of the office of clerk of the County

Court, to which position he had been elected in the preceding November. In 1901, the State of West Virginia was divided into two judicial districts, and Judge Keller, of the United States Court, appointed Mr. Bernheim clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. This position he filled until July 15, 1902, when he resigned, and became a candidate for re-nomination as clerk of the County Court of McDowell County. He was re-nominated unanimously, a tribute to his popularity, and as no one was nominated by the Democratic party, his election in November, 1902, was without opposition.

Since 1892 Mr. Bernheim has been secretary of the McDowell County Republican Executive Committee and has taken a leading part in both local and outside politics. He has important business interests in Welch and is one of the useful and progressive citizens.

On June 5, 1901, Mr. Bernheim was married to Ida P. Topham, who was born in Washington, D. C., and is a daughter of James S. and Anna M. Topham. They have one son, James Topham. Mrs. Bernheim is a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Bernheim is prominent in fraternal life, belonging to McDowell

Lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M.; Bramwell Chapter, R. A. M.; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 10, K. T., of Bramwell; and Beni-Kedem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Charleston.



HON. JAMES H. MARCUM.

HON. JAMES H. MARCUM, an ex-member of the West Virginia State Senate, and a representative citizen of Huntington, was born in Virginia, September 14, 1842, and is a son of Stephen M. and Jane (Damson) Marcum, both of whom were also natives of the Old Dominion.

James H. Marcum received but limited educational advantages in the private and subscription schools of his locality, his schooling being inter-

rupted by the outbreak of the Civil War. He was one of the first loyal youths of his section to enlist,—becoming a member of Company B, 45th Reg., Kentucky Vol. Inf. He served three years, and was with the Army of the Tennessee; when he received his honorable discharge he had attained the rank of sergeant major.

After the close of the war, Mr. Marcum returned to his home and engaged in agricultural pursuits for a time, and then accepted a position as traveling salesman for Shipley, Crane & Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, with whom he remained about nine years. He then returned to Huntington and bought and very successfully operated a livery and sales stable for four years, and then sold the business in order to resume farming.

Mr. Marcum has long been active in political life, and in 1890 he was elected a member of the West Virginia Legislature and served four years. After an interim of four years, he was again elected to that honorable body, and again served his constituency with ability and efficiency. For four years he was the popular postmaster of Huntington, and during the administration of Governor Wilson was a director of the West Virginia Penitentiary for a term of five years.

In 1881 Mr. Marcum was united in marriage with Fannie B. Williams and their son, F. H., is a member of the class of 1903, in the law department of the University of West Virginia, at Morgantown. In religious belief, Mr. Marcum is a Methodist. His fraternal relations are with Huntington Lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M.



WILLIAM BURBRIDGE PAYNE.

WILLIAM BURBRIDGE PAYNE, clerk of the Circuit Court of McDowell County, West Virginia, and a prominent citizen of Welch, was born in that county in 1866 and is a son of the late John D. and Clara (Cornett) Payne.

John D. Payne was born in Tazewell County, Virginia, now McDowell County, West Virginia, and died in

1898 at the age of 62 years. During the Civil War he served four years in the Union Army, as a private in Company I, 39th Reg., Kentucky Vol. Inf., and was once captured and once wounded. In politics he was a Republican. In business he was successful as a lawyer, farmer and merchant. The mother of our subject was born in 1841 in North Carolina and now resides at Bradshaw, McDowell County, West Virginia. The three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Payne were: David C., who is a deputy United States marshal and deputy sheriff of McDowell County; William Burbridge, of this sketch; and Wilburn Grant, deceased.

William Burbridge Payne was reared in his native county and was educated in the common schools and the Normal School at Concord. From 1887 to 1892 he was engaged in a mercantile business at Bradshaw, and removed from there upon being elected to the office of clerk of the Circuit Court. In 1896 he was honored with a re-election and his popularity and efficiency were emphasized by a second re-election in 1902.

On May 10, 1896, Mr. Payne was married to Jennie Beavers, who was born in Union County, South Dakota. Three children have been born to them,

viz.: Hobart Elkins and Meldramn Deane, living, and Mirriam Joyce, deceased. Mrs. Payne is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Fraternally, Mr. Payne is a member of McDowell Lodge, No. 112, A. F. & A. M., of Welch, of which he is past master, and of Ohio Consistory, Valley of Cincinnati, and is a Shriner. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.



ROLAND YUENGLING LUTHER.

ROLAND YUENGLING LUTHER, assistant general manager of the Peerless Coal & Coke Company, at Vivian, West Virginia, is one of the energetic and progressive young men of the day. Mr. Luther was born in

1875, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Roland C. and Therese (Yuengling) Luther, the former of whom is president of the Peerless Coal & Coke Company, and also general superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, with headquarters at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Luther has been a resident of Vivian since February, 1901, and has become an important factor in the coal fields of that locality. His company is a leading one in the section and gives him a wide field of operation.

W. L. GLESSNER, one of the foremost business men of Ohio County, West Virginia, is president of the Laughlin Nail Company, a Wheeling corporation, with office and plant at Martin's Ferry, Ohio. This is a very extensive plant and is the largest cut-nail manufactory in the world, having had a wonderful growth from its inception, in 1878. Mr. Glessner is a native of Ohio, and is a son of Jacob and Mary Laughlin Glessner.

Jacob Glessner was born 92 years ago at Somerset, Pennsylvania, and is now a resident of Zanesville, Ohio. He spent the major portion of his active life as editor and publisher of a news-

paper, and in his later years was a manufacturer of news-paper. He married Mary Laughlin, who was a daughter of John Laughlin, an old resident of Wheeling. She died at the age of 83 years, having had three sons and one daughter, as follows: John, vice-president of the Champion Mower & Reaper Works, of Springfield, Ohio, but a resident of Chicago; George, secretary of that concern; W. L., the subject of this biographical record; and Jessie A., the youngest child and only daughter who married Mr. Chanaller, a prominent attorney-at-law of Zanesville, Ohio, who died August 8, 1901, she now resides in Zanesville.

W. L. Glessner has made his home in Wheeling since 1872, and has always been a power in business circles. For six years he was identified with the Benwood Iron Works. In 1878 the Laughlin Nail Company was organized and incorporated as a joint stock company, and Mr. Glessner served as its secretary from 1878 until 1885. Alexander Laughlin was the first president, and after his death, in 1885, was succeeded by Mr. Glessner. The plant has always been located at Martin's Ferry, Ohio. The company originally employed 150 men, but now employs about 600 workmen in the cut-nail department, when in full operation. The nail factory has a

capacity of 12,000 kegs per week. In 1899 an extensive shovel plant was added, manufacturing large shovels, with a capacity of 300 dozen per day. The shovels are made from the raw material, and at the present time from 200 to 225 men are employed in this department. A sheet mill, its product being intended for corrugating, galvanizing and metal ceiling work, is being rapidly pushed to completion, which, when completed, will give employment to about 700 men. The buildings, with a floor space of from three to four acres, are constructed of brick and iron, and are practically fireproof. The grounds of the plant cover 22 acres, and the company also owns 300 acres of mining land, and mines its own coal. The total force of men to be employed upon the completion of the plant,—all Union labor,—will number about 1,500. The present secretary is F. K. Dixon, who has served in that capacity one year. In 1885 the Laughlin Nail Company erected a Bessemer steel works, which they operated for about 10 years. From 1895 until 1899, they operated a tin mill which they built, and which is now the property of the United States Steel Corporation. Mr. Glessner is a member of the Board of Trade of Wheeling, and has lived in the city for many years. He recently erected a magnificent home

Baltimore. He followed the occupation of a shoemaker. He went to Lake Erie and lived for a time, then moved to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and later to Morgantown, Virginia, now West Virginia. He served as captain of a company of militia during the War of 1812, and acquitted himself with honor. He later went to Ohio to live, and about 1845 met death by drowning in Wills Creek, in attempting to cross the stream during a freshet. His wife was Elizabeth McKelvey, and among the children born to them was George W., grandfather of Dr. Lewis.

George W. Lewis was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and removed to what is now West Virginia in 1820. He was a shoemaker in early life and lived to reach the advanced age of 87 years and three months, dying at Valley Grove in October, 1901. He married Nancy Gibson, who is now living at the age of 81 years, making her home in Ohio County, West Virginia.

William Lewis, a son of George W. and Nancy (Gibson) Lewis, was born in Marshall County, West Virginia, and now resides in Ohio County, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Samantha Chambers, who was born in Marshall County and is a daughter of James P. and Mary (Porter) Chambers, who

were natives of Marshall County, Virginia, and Washington County, Pennsylvania, respectively. Her grandparents were Joseph Hamilton and Rebecca (Bell) Chambers, the former being a son of James Chambers, and the latter a daughter of William and Elizabeth (McConnell) Bell.

Dr. George E. Lewis was born in Ohio County, West Virginia, January 19, 1873, and is one of six children born to William and Samantha (Chambers) Lewis, viz: James C., P. I., George E., Mary A., a teacher in the schools of Wheeling; Florence, who is also teaching at Wheeling; Lillian and Wilma. Dr. Lewis was reared in Ohio County and educated in the public and State Normal schools, graduating from the latter institution in 1893, having taught school in Ohio County for three years previous to graduation. He then took up the study of medicine at the Western University of Pennsylvania; he was granted the degree of M. D. in 1897 and engaged in practice at Hanover, Ohio. His health failed him and for one year he gave up his professional duties. In 1900 he moved to Chester, Hancock County, and has succeeded in acquiring a large general practice in medicine and surgery. He is a man of high character and is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens.

On October 6, 1897, Dr. Lewis was married to Hettie Curtis, who comes of a prominent and respected family. She is descended from John and Elsie (Wilkins) Curtis, who were prominent in Virginia at an early day. Her great-grandparents were Josiah and Hester (Earnsparger) Curtis. William Baker Curtis, a son of Josiah and Hester (Earnsparger) Curtis, made an enviable record during his service in the army. He was first a captain, later colonel of the 12th West Virginia Regiment, and was mustered out as a brevet general. He was at one time a merchant at West Liberty, Ohio County, where he died August 25, 1891, at the age of 70 years. He married Hannah M. Montgomery, and among the children born to them was Josiah Montgomery Curtis, father of Mrs. Lewis. Josiah Montgomery Curtis was born at West Liberty, Ohio County, Virginia, and died in 1875. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company D, 12th Reg., West Virginia Vol. Inf., of which his father was captain, and at the time he was mustered out was lieutenant of Company I of that regiment. He was the man who planted the United States flag on Fort Gregg, for which act he was made lieutenant and Congress presented him with a bronze medal. He married Em-

ily Walker, who was born in Brooke County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and now resides at West Liberty, Ohio County. She is a daughter of Allen and Mary Ann (Mounts) Walker, and granddaughter of Alexander and Esther (Montgomery) Walker.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis have one child, Helen Virginia, born July 19, 1900. Religiously, they are members of the United Presbyterian Church, in which Dr. Lewis is an elder. He is a member of the State Medical Society.



HON. C. W. SWISHER.

HON. C. W. SWISHER, a prominent young business man of Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, who is

identified with much of the material development of that section, was born in Marion County, West Virginia, May 26, 1867. He is a son of Alpheus and Abigail (Van Gilden) Swisher, who were of German extraction. Alpheus Swisher was a prominent lumber man for many years, and was well known through Marion County, where he died in October, 1901. The mother, a member of an old and honorable Virginia family, still survives.

C. W. Swisher received his education in the public schools of Marion County and started out in life as a mine boy in the employ of the Watsons, now the Fairmont Coal Company, his humble occupation being the driving of mules. The lad was, however, capable of a higher grade of work and his superiors soon found it out and he was continually promoted from one position to another. In 1889 he became superintendent of the Britton Coal Company, on the Monongahela River, in Marion County, and he continued with this corporation for three years, resigning the position then in order to enter the real estate business. He recognized the wide field in that line and few men in that activity have been more successful. His sales in valuable coal and timber lands have caused much property to change hands,

and he has been the means of attracting a large amount of capital to the State. Many of the coal mines, gas and oil wells, as well as electric roads, have been developed through his efforts in calling the attention of outside capital to the section where his operations are chiefly centered.

While promoting enterprises for the public good, Mr. Swisher has not neglected his own interests and is a stockholder in the Fairmont & Clarksburg Electric Railroad Company; a director in the Fairmont Savings Bank; in 1903 he became interested in the Elkins syndicate; and is a stockholder and director in the Charleston & Kanawha Water & Light Company, and in other minor enterprises. He owns much coal and oil land of a valuable character. Starting out in life with no capital, his has been a remarkable career. Successful in business, he has also been successful in politics, and in 1899 he was elected a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, and in 1903 was elected to the State Senate. He is actively identified with the Republican party.

Fraternally Mr. Swisher belongs to Fairmont Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., Fairmont Chapter, R. A. M.; Crusade Commandery, No. 6, K. T., and the Mystic Shrine.



D. W. CUNNINGHAM.

D. W. CUNNINGHAM, a prominent citizen of Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, who has efficiently served in the position of United States deputy marshal for a period of 14 years, is a native of West Virginia, and was born in Jackson County. His father, Joel Cunningham, who after being an officer in Jackson County for 20 years, organized Company E, 8th Regiment, West Virginia State troops, in 1861, and died in the service, January 7, 1862. He was a man of indomitable will, great personal courage and was seldom unsuccessful in his undertakings.

The mother of our subject, Mary Cunningham, belonged to one of the old Virginia families of prominence.

Her father was one of the organizers of his (Jackson) county; he was a justice of the peace for 21 years and was made sheriff of the county under an old law by virtue of his office as justice. Eleven children were born to our subject's parents. One of these was Nathan Cunningham, who entered the army in boyhood and served two years in the Civil War; returning to the scenes of his childhood, he resumed peaceful occupations. A few years later he was appointed deputy United States marshal, on account of his fearless and courageous character. For doing his duty well, he was foully assassinated in 1887 by a band of criminals, known by West Virginians as the Kuklux Klan. They were all outlaws who had terrorized Kentucky, Tennessee, the western portion of Virginia and the southern part of West Virginia. Marshal Cunningham by his bravery had seriously crippled the band in its work of murder, incest and violations of the law, and for this cause it added still another crime, resulting in the death of Nathan Cunningham. He is still well recalled in his community.

D. W. Cunningham is the subject of this brief and inadequate sketch, as a comprehensive one would fill a volume. He grew to manhood in Jackson

County, and was educated in the private schools of his locality. He engaged in teaching for 14 years, retiring from that profession to accept a position as a special deputy United States marshal. Soon after, he was made a deputy under President Harrison and was re-appointed by the late President McKinley. The life of an officer in this service is necessarily one of adventure and thrilling interest. Especially is it so in the case of Mr. Cunningham, whose fearlessness and bravery are well known all over the State; while he has so many friends he cannot number them, his name is enough to strike terror to the class whose machinations it is his business to destroy. The criminal records in the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C., show the great mass of work accomplished during the past 14 years by this competent and reliable officer. For three years he was stationed in McDowell County along the Norfolk & Western Railway. Prior to this, the locality had been infested with outlaws who committed every crime in the calendar. Mr. Cunningham has the reputation of being a man who has never flinched in the path of duty. He has been vilified and maligned, but only by those in sympathy with desperadoes. Among the notorious gangs who have been forced

to surrender by Mr. Cunningham were the Hatfields and the Mullen gang. The father of the latter operated illicit distilleries for more than 30 years and in defense of his lawless business killed a number of officers. The names of the Skenns, Counts, Kisners, Hammonds, Fields, Harpers, Vances, Hatfields and many others long were a terror in the West Virginia mountains. They are all kindred, having continually intermarried, and while banded together in their nefarious operations carry on united vendettas against the lovers of law and order.

Probably Mr. Cunningham has had to fight the most ungovernable of this class of criminals in the United States, but he has done it under the law, openly and fearlessly, and deserves the high opinion in which he is held. A man of iron nerve, he treads his dangerous path each day in the pursuit of duty, and it is through his efforts that travelers and tourists may now safely visit the wilds of this beautiful State. Personally, Mr. Cunningham is a man of commanding presence and is of scholarly attainments. Withal he is modest in speaking of his notable achievements and although ready to give information in his pleasant conversational way, one can only hear from other lips of the greatest dangers he

has faced and the sum of what he has accomplished.

In 1893 Mr. Cunningham married Beulah C. Greenleaf, who is a descendant of a prominent old Jackson County family. Three children have been born to this marriage, namely: Pearl, Clarence and William. Fraternally Mr. Cunningham is an Odd Fellow.



SAMUEL C. BURDETT.

SAMUEL C. BURDETT, a prominent attorney at Charleston, West Virginia, who bears the reputation of being the best criminal lawyer in the State, was born September 16,

1847, in Scioto County, Ohio. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Ratcliffe) Burdett, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in Pennsylvania.

Samuel Burdett, our subject's father, was for a long period known as a skilled painter and interior decorator and his artistic work won him ample means and an extended clientele. In his later years he engaged in teaching, dying at the age of 52 years, in 1869. His widow resides at Ironton, Ohio, spending the evening of life with one of her daughters. A family of eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Burdett, five of whom reached maturity: Fannie, Mary, Lizzie, Sue B., who is assistant principal of one of the public schools of Ironton, Ohio, a very prominent educator; Robert, in the employ of the Georgia Railroad; and Samuel C., of this sketch.

Samuel C. Burdett was educated in the public schools of Ohio, and learned the trade of painter and decorator and followed the craft until 1880. In the meantime he had prepared himself for entrance to the bar and was admitted in West Virginia. He removed to Charleston, Kanawha County, in November, 1870, where he has resided ever since. He has made a success in his profession and the able manner in

which he has handled noted cases and his thorough comprehension of criminal law has given him a reputation and a business which reaches over the State. Thus his election as prosecuting attorney for Kanawha County, West Virginia, in 1884, was most judicious and he held the position until 1889, having previously been assistant prosecutor, from 1883 to 1885. In June, 1889, he was appointed assistant United States district attorney, under President Harrison's administration, and served four years until the change of administration. Upon the election of the late beloved President McKinley, he was re-appointed to the office, but in 1900 resigned it in order to confine his attention to an absorbing private practice.

Mr. Burdett has always been actively interested in politics and is stanch in his adherence to the principles of the Republican party. He has "stumped" the State during every political campaign for the last 20 years, and, as he is a clear, forcible and logical speaker, is of the greatest service to his party, being known as the "Little Giant of Kanawha."

Mr. Burdett was married, first, to Miss Taylor of Louisiana and eight children were born to them. His second marriage was to Miss Cunning-

ham, who was born in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and two children were born to this marriage.



WILLIAM MCGARVIN.

WILLIAM MCGARVIN, proprietor of the Jacksonburg Drug Store, the only establishment of its kind at Jacksonburg, Wetzel County, West Virginia, was born August 26, 1838, at Chatham, Ontario, Canada, and is a son of John and Susan (Huston) McGarvin, an old agricultural family. The McGarvins have been residents of the Dominion for generations. Both parents lived to advanced ages, the father dying at the age of 95 years and the mother at 92. Of their seven children, six survive.

William McGarvin was reared and educated in Canada, and there learned

the carpenter trade, which he later followed at Detroit, Michigan, for one year. In 1862 he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, engaging in work at his trade, later spent six months at Steubenville, and then went to Parkersburg, West Virginia, becoming interested in oil production. He has visited all the oil centers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia, and has made and lost fortunes in many places. In 1900 Mr. McGarvin settled in Jacksonburg, Wetzel County, West Virginia, since which time he has been engaged in the drug business, having at the present time a monopoly. He carries a full line of prescription drugs, patent medicines, toilet and fancy articles, and meets with very satisfactory encouragement in the prosecution of his business.

In 1871 Mr. McGarvin was united in marriage with Elizabeth Truman, a native of Spencer, West Virginia, and two children were born to this union: Lillie M., wife of James L. Cade, of Mannington, West Virginia; and William E., of Kentucky. In politics Mr. McGarvin is a Republican. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. Mr. McGarvin is a highly esteemed citizen, interested in the advancement of his section and a strong advocate of temperance.



F. S. THOMAS, M. D.

F. S. THOMAS, M. D., one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Southwestern West Virginia, proprietor and physician in chief of the Thomas Private Hospital, at Charleston, was born in August, 1850, near Sissonville, West Virginia. He is a son of George D. and Sarah (Jones) Thomas, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in the District of Columbia, the latter still surviving in Roane County, West Virginia, at the age of 96 years.

Dr. Thomas received his primary education in private and select schools, where he was prepared for entrance to Marshall College. His medical read-

ing was pursued with Dr. T. P. Carpenter, of Poca, West Virginia, and he graduated from the medical department of the University of Maryland in 1878. This was supplemented with study, experience and graduation, at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, in 1887. Since that time, for the past 15 years, he has taken post-graduate courses annually, both in Baltimore and New York, on the theory that this is the only true way for a physician and surgeon to keep abreast of the times, and to thoroughly absorb modern methods and discoveries. Dr. Thomas is a self-made man in every sense that the term implies, and it has been through his own perseverance and the exercise of an iron will that he has risen to his eminent position among the professional men of the State of West Virginia. He is regarded with respect and esteem and is one of the truly substantial and representative citizens of Charleston.

In 1878, Dr. Thomas located at Malden, West Virginia, where he was successfully engaged in the work of his chosen profession for a number of years. In 1884 he began practice at Charleston where he was also interested in a drug business, in partnership with Mr. Potterfield, the firm style being Thomas & Potterfield. In 1902 Dr.

Thomas sold his interest to his partner, who still conducts a flourishing business, the firm by honest dealing having won the confidence of the public. Dr. Thomas has become one of the leading citizens and is identified with a number of the most important and successful business enterprises. He is president of the Charleston Ice & Coal Company, is a stockholder in the Charleston National Bank, and is also interested in coal mining operations. Perhaps, though, he is more widely known as the proprietor of the Thomas Private Hospital of Charleston, a noble institution in which the residents of that city take a just pride. The beautiful hospital building is an ornament to the city, while the institution's aims are of the noblest. The building was erected by the city during 1896-97, at a cost of \$30,000, and is under lease to Dr. Thomas, who with a large staff of consulting physicians and surgeons conducts an institution of incalculable value to Southwestern West Virginia. Its scope is broad and its equipment complete. Dr. Thomas has a reputation in the profession second to none in the State, and he has gathered about him specialists on every disease to which poor human flesh is heir. The hospital on account of its healthful and beautiful surroundings, and its most

excellent management, provides not only for the dangerous sick, but also for those who seek rest and restoration from the strain of either business or social life.

In 1879 Dr. Thomas married Ruth Lee Putney, who is a daughter of Dr. James Putney, of Malden, West Virginia, and a descendant of the old Putney and Ruffner families of Virginia. Two children have been born to this marriage, James P. and Ruth M. In religious belief the family are Presbyterians. Dr. Thomas belongs to the Kanawha County Medical Society, and also the American Medical Association.

DAVID BELL, an old and highly respected resident of Wheeling, is a member of the firm of Joseph Bell & Company, which deals in stoves. This is one of the reliable old business houses of the city, and has an established trade. Mr. Bell was born in Wheeling, Virginia, now West Virginia, March 31, 1818, and is a son of Thomas Bell.

Thomas Bell was born in England and came to the United States when a young man. He was a seaman for many years, and after locating at Wheeling at an early day was engaged in boat building until his death, in 1833. He married, in England, Miss

M. Godfrey, a native of that country, and they had two sons,—Joseph, a prominent business man, of Wheeling; and David.

David Bell had limited educational advantages, having attended school only up to his 12th year. He worked for Mr. Sweeney in the glass manufacturing business for a period of 20 years, and in 1862 enlisted in the 11th Reg., West Virginia Vol. Inf., of which he was a commissioned officer. He saw hard service throughout the war, and established a good record as a soldier. After the close of the war, he returned to Wheeling, and under the firm name of Joseph Bell & Company engaged in the stove business, which he has continued up to the present time. He is possessed of unusual business ability, and the same sagacity and keenness characterize his transactions, as in his younger days. He is well known to the residents of Wheeling, and enjoys the universal good-will of his fellow men. He is one of the oldest native born inhabitants of Ohio County.

In 1844, Mr. Bell was joined in wedlock with Mary Mosslander, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1821, and is now living. They reared four children, as follows: Joseph G.; Mary M.; Susan W.; and George T. Politically, Mr. Bell is a

staunch supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of the Franklin Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., and is the oldest member of that order in West Virginia, having been an Odd Fellow for more than 63 years.



J. L. STUMP, M. D.

J. L. STUMP, M. D.—Charleston, West Virginia, is notable in many directions and one of these is that it is the home of a number of medical practitioners of skill and experience. A prominent physician and surgeon of that city is Dr. J. L. Stump, a native of the State, born at Steer Creek, Gilmer County, May 19, 1852. He is a son of Rev. John and Mahala (Huffman) Stump.

The Stump family is of German origin. Dr. Stump's great-grandfather, Michael Stump, came to America and took part in the Revolutionary War, after its close settling in Gilmer County, Virginia, about 1799. Michael Stump and his father—the great-great-grandfather of our subject, were with Washington on the memorable occasion of the crossing of the Delaware when the Hessian troops were surprised and captured and indications are that both were trusted and loyal soldiers. Records show that Michael Stump's son Michael—our subject's grandfather,—was a guest of General Washington, at Mount Vernon, in 1798 and took part in a fox hunt there. The elder Michael Stump entered thousands of acres of land in Virginia. Both he and his son Michael were surveyors and many of the old surveys made by them can be found among the records of that time. Michael Stump was accompanied across the mountains from the East to what is now West Virginia by two brothers,—George who settled in Marshall County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and John, who settled in Kentucky. The grandmother of Dr. Stump was a member of the old German Busch family and she became the mother of these children: George W., Jacob, Absalom, Eli.

Henry, John, Martin, Alfred, Elliot, Archibald, Cynthia, Simon, Matilda and Margaret. The family all belonged to the Baptist Church. The grandmother died at the age of 43 years and the grandfather married a second time. His death took place in 1884, at the age of 96 years.

Rev. John Stump, father of Dr. Stump, was born in Gilmer County, Virginia, now West Virginia. Although a man of meager book education, he became a power in the Baptist Church and through natural ability and extensive reading rose to a position as one of the most intellectual men of his locality. Early in life he turned his attention to theology and as he was a gifted orator he was called upon during a long life to fill many of the leading pulpits in the Baptist Church. For a long period he taught private schools and after the adoption of the public school system taught one term, but the greater part of his life was devoted to his ministerial and pastoral duties. His last days were spent in Kanawha County as pastor of the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church of West Charleston. His death took place in 1898, when he was 20 days over his 75th year. His wife, Mahala Huffman, the mother of Dr. Stump, was

born in Barbour County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and died in 1889, aged 69 years. His second wife, Mrs. Hawthorne, died in 1901. His children were all the fruits of the first marriage, as follows: Albert H.; Susanna, deceased, who was the wife of E. J. James; M. J.; Mandeville B., a Baptist minister of Normantown, Gilmer County, West Virginia; Dr. J. L., of this sketch; Florinda W., wife of Rev. William Burns; Anna H., wife of Dr. W. W. Chenewith; Dr. L. J. of Pocahontas, Virginia; and Belinda R. (Fetty).

Dr. J. L. Stump was primarily educated in schools over which his father had charge up to 1867. He attended the public schools of the newly adopted system during the winters of 1868 and 1869. He then engaged in teaching but in 1873 entered into a mercantile business, which he conducted until 1880. He began the study of medicine in 1876 under Drs. W. P. Ewing and Comstock, of Charleston, West Virginia, and in 1878 and 1879 he attended lectures at the Virginia Medical College. He engaged in practice after this course of lectures and in 1887 returned to the same institution, at Richmond, Virginia, and there his degree of M. D. was conferred upon him in 1888.

Dr. Stump then settled at Charleston where he has ever since been successfully practicing medicine and surgery and also building up a reputation as a public spirited and progressive citizen.

Although Dr. Stump takes only a good citizen's interest in politics, he was elected mayor of Elk City, when that part of Charleston was under its own charter and municipal government. His support is given the Republican party. Under President Harrison, he was appointed a member of the board of United States pension examiners, and at present is the very efficient member of the City Council from the Sixth Ward. He has long been prominent in Masonry and belongs to Kanawha Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M.; Tyrean Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; Kanawha Commandery, No. 4, K. T.; and Beni-Kedem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.,—all of Charleston. He belongs also to Glen Elk Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F.

In 1875 Dr. Stump was united in marriage with Margaret E. Copenhaver, who is a daughter of J. T. Copenhaver, of Kanawha County. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Stump, namely: Charles W., an attorney-at-law, of Charleston, West Virginia; and Erra D.



WILLIAM HOLMES YEAKLEY.

WILLIAM HOLMES YEAKLEY, M. D., a prominent medical practitioner of Tucker County, West Virginia, who has been a resident of Davis since 1902, was born May 14, 1874, in Frederick County, Virginia, and is a son of Martin F. and Martha A. (Hodgson) Yeakley, both of whom were also natives of Frederick County.

Martin F. Yeakley is a prosperous farmer living near Winchester, Virginia. He is 69 years of age and is a survivor of the Civil War, in which he served in the 27th Regiment, Virginia Cavalry, from 1862 until the close of hostilities,—during seven months of this period he was confined as a prisoner of war. In politics he is a Democrat. Mrs. Yeakley was born 62 years ago in the vicinity of her present home.

Both she and husband are members of the Lutheran Church. They reared a family of three children, viz.: William Holmes, our subject; George F., a farmer; and Catherine E.

Dr. Yeakley was educated in the common schools of Frederick County and the Winchester High School, from which he graduated in 1889. From 1891 to 1893 he was a student at the Shenandoah Valley Academy, and then took a course at the Lebanon (Ohio) Normal School, during 1894-95-96. Dr. Yeakley had thus a very solid education as a foundation for his medical training which he obtained at the University College of Medicine at Richmond, Virginia, which he entered in the fall of 1896, and from which he graduated in May, 1899, in medicine and surgery. Dr. Yeakley began the practice of his profession at Gainesboro, Frederick County, but a short time later, in July, 1899, was honored with an appointment as assistant physician at the Western State Hospital for the Insane, at Staunton, Virginia, and remained there until June 1, 1902, when he resigned his position to locate at Davis, West Virginia, where he has been very successful in his practice. In the meantime he was elected by the board of directors of the University College of Medicine as assistant in-

structor in anatomy, but declined the honor in order to continue his work in the hospital.

Dr. Yeakley is an enterprising, educated and wide-awake physician and keeps fully abreast of the times in his profession. He is a valued member of the Virginia State and the Augusta County (Virginia) medical societies, and is surgeon for the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company.



THOMAS M. HOOD, A. M., M. D.

THOMAS M. HOOD, A. M., M. D., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia, comes of old and honorable ancestry. Dr. Hood was born April 20, 1853, in Monongalia County, Virginia, now West Vir-

ginia, and is a son of John S. and Maria M. (Smyth) Hood, the former of whom was born in Carmichaels, Greene County, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hood, our subject's mother, still resides in the old home in Monongalia County, at the age of 77 years. She was born and was reared in what is now the State of West Virginia, and was a daughter of Hynson Smyth, who was a native of Delaware, and of English descent. He came to Virginia about 100 years ago and died at the age of 87 years. His wife, Catherine (Bowlby) Smyth, was a direct descendant of the Carhart family, one of the oldest in New York.

The father of Dr. Hood came to Virginia, now West Virginia, when a small boy. He was a grandson of Archie Hood, who emigrated from Scotland to Pennsylvania, accompanied by two sisters. Archie Hood married and settled in Western Pennsylvania and there his son John, the grandfather of Dr. Hood, was born. J. S. Hood followed agricultural pursuits all his life, and died in June, 1901, at the age of 80 years.

Dr. Hood attended the country schools during his boyhood and then entered West Virginia University, where he graduated in 1877, with the degree of A. B., three years afterward receiving the degree of A. M. He en-

tered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia and graduated there with his degree of M. D. in 1880. For the succeeding seven years he engaged in a general medical practice. In 1887, after taking a special course in the Polyclinic Hospital, New York, he was elected assistant physician of the West Virginia Hospital for the Insane at Weston, West Virginia, where he remained until his resignation of the position in 1895. The same year, after taking a special course in the Post-Graduate Hospital, New York, he opened an office in Weston for general practice. In 1897, he removed to Clarksburg, Harrison County, where he now enjoys a lucrative practice. Always abreast in his profession, this last year he has taken a post-graduate course at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, New York.

Dr. Hood is a physician of high standing in his profession. He is president of the Harrison County Medical Society, and he is a member of the West Virginia State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association, and occasionally contributes to medical literature.

In 1882 he married Dora Foreman of Harrison County, West Virginia, the only daughter of Edgar and Mary (Fleming) Foreman, the former of

whom is deceased. The latter, who resides at Shinnston, Harrison County, is a daughter of Solomon Fleming, a member of one of the old and prominent families of the State. Dr. and Mrs. Hood have had four children: Mary M., who died at the age of 11 months; Edgar F.; Robert C.; and Agnes F. Dr. Hood is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F. He is an upright and reliable man and has met with deserved success in business and professional life.



JAMES B. MENAGER.

JAMES B. MENAGER, a prominent attorney-at-law, a leading member of the bar of West Virginia and a representative citizen of Charleston,

West Virginia, was born in Mason County, Virginia, now West Virginia, October 23, 1850, and is a son of Louis B. and Cornelia (Steenbergen) Mengaer.

Louis B. Menager was of French parentage. His father, Claudius R. Menager, was one of the first settlers of Gallipolis, Ohio, coming to America and landing at Gallipolis on Sunday, October 17, 1790. He left France during the stormy and bloody period known as the French Revolution, departing from Paris shortly after the storming of the Bastille, which historical event Mary Bobin, who afterwards became his wife, witnessed, for she was then a resident of the French capital. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Gen. Peter H. Steenbergen, was of Holland-Dutch ancestry and was an early settler in the Ohio Valley on the Virginia side, his paternal ancestor leaving a high official position in Holland to make a new home in America.

Although Grandfather Menager was a refugee and belonged to the French nobility, he became an industrious American citizen. He is thus spoken of by William G. Sibley, the author of the history of the five hundred French people, who composed this Gallipolis colony: "A high minded and honorable man was Claudius

us R. Menager, merchant, baker, and entertainer of travelers, whose industry coupled with that of his wife, whose name was Mary Bobin, to whom he was married a month after the colony arrived, made him the richest man in the town and one of the most respected. The tenor of his life was even." His children were: Peter, Edward, Roman, Louis B. and a daughter, Mary Gabriella, who became the wife of Gen. Louis Newsom. In religious belief they were Roman Catholics, but all of their descendants are of the Protestant faith, mostly Presbyterians.

Louis B. Menager, father of our subject, was educated at Athens (Ohio) University and was engaged in commercial and agricultural pursuits through life. He took a prominent part in political movements and was identified with the Whig party, lending his voice and influence in support of its doctrines. He was firm in his denunciation of secession. Though not a lawyer, Louis B. Menager was an eloquent speaker and a great debater. His speech against the Virginia Ordinance of Secession made at the Court House at Point Pleasant, Mason County, in opposition to such distinguished lawyers as Henry I. Fisher and others is still remembered and car-

ried the people of that county with him. Mr. Menager died in June, 1870, leaving three children as the fruits of his union with Cornelia Steenberg, namely: Ida, wife of Dr. L. F. Campbell; James B. and Julius L. He also left a daughter by a former marriage, —Maria M., who is the wife of Rev. George T. Lyle, a Presbyterian divine.

James B. Menager was educated in private schools and at Bethany College, and also attended Washington and Lee University during the last year that Gen. Robert E. Lee was its president. Following this, he taught school one year and then began the reading of the law with Hon. C. P. T. Moore, who was judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and on the 25th day of February, 1872, he was admitted to the bar in West Virginia. Until March, 1903, he practiced his profession at Point Pleasant, Mason County, and then removed to Charleston where he has many legal friends and interests, being attracted to the Capitol City by its growing prosperity and prospects for future greatness.

Mr. Menager has been a general practitioner of the law and is regarded as a most able practitioner, as well as a clear, forcible and eloquent speaker. In 1880 he was elected prosecuting attorney of his na-

tive county and served for four years with distinction to himself and honor to his county. He was a presidential elector on the Republican ticket of West Virginia in 1880, receiving the largest vote cast for the electors on the Garfield and Arthur ticket in West Virginia that year. Since the administration of the late President Harrison, Mr. Menager has been active in the Democratic party. His change of political association was not so much a change of political belief as merely one of association. Mr. Menager, who was a firm believer in the "quantitative theory of money" and with others sought to accomplish that end by the free coinage of silver, recognizes now, however, that practically the same results have been reached by the present method of enlarging the volume of our currency.

On June 14, 1886, Mr. Menager married Fannie Schon Pomeroy, who was born at Pomeroy, Ohio, a village founded by and named after her paternal grandfather. Mrs. Menager died on Tuesday, September 30, 1902; her death occurred so close to the hour of midnight that there was a conflict of opinions as to whether she died September 30th or October 1st. She left four children, Charles L., Sibyl C., Frances P. and Louis B. His wife was a lineal

descendant, through her maternal ancestors, of Col. Charles Lewis, who was killed in the battle of Point Pleasant, Virginia, October 10, 1774.

In fraternal life, Mr. Menager is prominent as a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Elks.



HON. SAMUEL GEORGE.

HON. SAMUEL GEORGE, member of the State Senate from the First Senatorial District, one of the prominent political leaders in West Virginia and president of the Wellsburg Banking & Trust Company, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1827, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (McCammon) George, both of whom were natives of

Washington County, Pennsylvania. The George family were early settlers of Western Pennsylvania. In 1832 our subject's parents removed to Brooke County, Virginia, now West Virginia, where Thomas George engaged successfully in farming and became one of the substantial citizens. He removed to Illinois in 1860 and died there at the age of 86 years. For some time he lived six miles from Bethany, the home of Alexander Campbell, founder of the Campbellite Church. His wife died at Canton, Fulton County, Illinois, at the age of 62. Samuel George was one of a family of nine children born to our subject's parents; but two are now living: Samuel; and James, who resides in Canton, Fulton County, Illinois.

Samuel George enjoyed but limited educational advantages in youth, but the school of experience has since taught him much, while his long life of activity has brought him into contact with men and made him acquainted with affairs, thus developing and ripening natural mental faculties. He was reared on his father's farm and his early outlook was the plodding life of a country agriculturist, far removed from industrial and political activities which have so closely environed him for many years. His father being not

very well-to-do, our subject when 17 years old left the farm and worked as a farm laborer for seven years. In the place of the youth who spent seven precious years of his young manhood working on a farm for \$2.50 a week, we find the president of one of the largest manufacturing concerns of West Virginia, which employs hundreds of skilled workmen, a capitalist in many lines of industrial activity, the president of a strong banking institution, and also the chosen representative of his party in one of the highest official positions in the party's gift. Upon his removal from Illinois to Wellsburg, Virginia, now West Virginia, he secured a situation as clerk in the grocery of Irwin & Gist. He remained in that connection two years, and then, binding himself with James Applegate, he purchased the store of his late employers, the new firm being known as Applegate & George. After seven prosperous years as a member of this firm, the partnership was dissolved and Mr. George engaged in a wool business alone for 20 years. Having acquired large means, he then entered into the banking business as proprietor of the Bank of Wellsburg, which business was conducted very successfully until a recent date when he organized the Banking & Trust Company of

Wellsburg, which succeeded to his banking business. This bank has a capital stock of \$100,000 and stands very high in the business world.

In 1878 Mr. George engaged in the manufacture of paper, this venture following the disposal of his interests in the grocery business. Later, Mr. George purchased his partner's interests, and in 1892 the S. George Company was organized and incorporated with Mr. George as president. The immense plant is located near the Ohio River, at Wellsburg, and is devoted to the manufacture of paper sacks of all kinds, being one of the extensive manufacturing institutions of the city. In 1882 he engaged in the glass business, which is also an incorporated concern, in which he is the controlling factor.

Mr. George has been for many years interested in politics, and as early as 1862 he was elected sheriff of Brooke County, a position he ably filled for four years. In 1900, he was elected by the vote of the Republican party of the First Senatorial District as a member of the State Senate, to represent the counties of Hancock, Brooke and Ohio. His services in this connection were deemed so valuable that he was elected for a second term in 1902.

In 1857, Mr. George married Eleanor Miller, a native of Wellsburg,

who died two and one-half years later. The two children of this union died in infancy. His second marriage was to Eliza Kimberland, of Wellsburg, and to this union were born nine children, of whom eight still survive. The record is as follows: Ella, who lives at home; Nira, who married M. L. Wells, of Wellsburg, and has three children; Bessie, who married J. F. Cree, an attorney of Wellsburg; Mary, who is the widow of William Bothwell and resides in Wellsburg; Stella, who married Lewis Zimmerman, of Steubenville, Ohio; Mattie, who lives at home; Sarah, who also lives at home; Samuel, Jr., who is in the paper mill; and Thomas, who is in the bank. Mrs. George died in 1894. Mr. George was married a third time, in 1895, to Mrs. Lucy F. Mendel (Weil) Jacobs. Mr. and Mrs. George are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Senator George has associated with him in his business enterprises some of the leading capitalists and prominent citizens of his section of the State. His personality is strong and his influence is felt as the guiding spirit in the large undertakings founded by him. At the same time, he is a man of sincerity, simple manners and pleasing personality, one whose word is a guaranty of good faith.



JOHN G. HOFFMANN, SR.

JOHN G. HOFFMANN, SR., founder of the establishment and president of the J. G. Hoffmann & Sons Company, which conducts the only tanning establishment in Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, is the founder of the concern. He came from Baden, Germany, in 1844, having learned the trade of a tanner in that country. He landed at Philadelphia, where he remained until 1847, and then entered business at Wheeling, as a member of the firm of Berger & Hoffmann. He also had one brother, Frank H., deceased, who located at Wheeling, and was foreman in the business for a time. The firm of Berger & Hoffmann continued until 1876, the year which

marked the inception of the firm of J. G. Hoffmann & Sons. The latter existed until 1890, and was then incorporated as J. G. Hoffmann & Sons Company, with the same officers as at the present time, namely: John G. Hoffmann, Sr., president; John G. Hoffmann, Jr., vice-president; and F. C. Hoffmann, secretary and treasurer. The Gormanian tannery of Gormanian, West Virginia, which is under the control of this company, is under the direct management of John G. Hoffmann, Jr. The old building at Wheeling, which is now being replaced by a new one, was built in 1856, and was partly three stories and partly two stories high. The new building which will face on Water street, will be of three stories, will have double the capacity of the old one, and will cover one block. Under capable management, the business of the firm has shown a phenomenal increase, and ranks well up with the best tanneries of the country. It is devoted mainly to the preparation of harness and sole leather, the raw material being secured through the packing establishments of Chicago. The particular brand produced is the well known "Star" oak harness leather. Wheeling with its great railroad facilities is a suitable location for this great industry. Two traveling representatives are employed

who cover the territory between California and Maine. About 300 men are employed.

In 1864 John G. Hoffmann, Sr., was a member of a company which purchased the Benwood Mill, then owned by Kelley & Brothers, which company continued until the consolidation of the Benwood, Belmont and Top mills. He was a director in the consolidated company for 28 years, and then resigned. He has also been interested in the Aetna-Standard Mill Company, of which he was one of the promoters. He was also one of the promoters of the Spears Axle Company, organized July 10, 1888, and is now serving as its president. This plant, in which his son, John G., Jr., is also interested, is located near the tannery and employs a large force of men. Mr. Hoffmann is also identified with several other lines of business. He has been connected with the National Exchange Bank of Wheeling about 49 years, and has been one of its directors for 11 years. His first location at Wheeling was on Wheeling Island, and there he conducted his tannery and resided until 1860, when he built his present residence at No. 2221 Chapline street. The firm of Berger & Hoffmann, which existed until 1876, had a leather store where Stone & Thomas' large depart-

ment store now stands, and also owned two other stores adjacent. Mr. Hoffmann built one of the first houses erected on the Island, after it had been laid out in lots by Colonel Zane. The great flood of 1852 caused much loss of property on the Island. J. G. Hoffmann, Sr., is now past the age of 78 years, is hale and hearty, and possessed of the same shrewdness and general business ability which characterized his younger days. He has served very acceptably as a member of the City Council and Water Board of Wheeling, and has been identified with many other projects of vital interest to the city. He is also possessed of heavy banking and iron interests, and is in very comfortable circumstances in a financial way.

Mr. Hoffmann was united in marriage with Catherine Schlalein, who is living at the age of 73 years, and they became parents of five sons and three daughters, as follows: John G., Jr., who has also served in the City Council of Wheeling; Matilda (Zoeckler), of Deadwood, Dakota; Ella (Mabis), whose husband is manager of the Des Moines Saddlery & Hardware Company, of Des Moines, Iowa, a branch of the J. G. Hoffmann & Sons Company, which employs 175 hands; Frank C., secretary and treasurer of J. G. Hoffmann & Sons Company, who mar-

ried Miss Stamm, a daughter of Henry Stamm, of the Stamm Hotel, of Wheeling, has two daughters, Virginia E. and an infant, and resides in the Third Ward; William E., deceased, who was formerly connected with the branch house at Des Moines, and whose widow and son reside at Chicago; Peter G., who is with the branch house at Des Moines; Joseph R., who is with the company at Wheeling; and Mrs. Rosa Truschel, whose husband is in the wholesale paper business at Wheeling. Mr. Hoffmann is a staunch adherent of the principles of the Republican party. He was formerly a member of secret societies, but has not been for the past 30 years. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

CAPT. EDWARD MUHLEMAN, a prominent citizen and business man of Wheeling, Ohio County, was born in Monroe County, Ohio, April 6, 1844, and is a son of Frederick Muhleman.

Frederick Muhleman was born in Switzerland, and when he came to this country located in Monroe County, Ohio, where he lived upon one farm 51 years. He died in March, 1884, at the age of 72 years. He was a pioneer flatboat man, gathering his crops in the fall and flatboating them to New Or-

leans. He succeeded fairly well, some trips being good ones, while others were losing ventures. He gave that line of business up in 1842. His wife died in February, 1898, at the age of 77 years. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a very devout woman. Her home was the transient quarters for the Methodist circuit riders, and she will long be remembered for her many motherly admonitions and acts of kindness. Though dead, her good example and devout Christian character are a legacy to those still on the stage of action. Eight children were born to Mr and Mrs. Muhleman, as follows: Edward; Robert W., a physician of Bellaire, Ohio; Charles L., a physician of Parkersburg; Henry, auditor of Monroe County, Ohio, for many years, who finally located at Bridgeport as a bookkeeper in the glass works, and died there in 1897, at the age of 43 years; Mary, wife of W. B. O'Neill, of Marietta, Ohio; Caroline, wife of A. W. Voegtly, of Gas City, Indiana; Sarah, who was a teacher for some years, and who became the companion of her mother prior to the latter's death, and now resides at Hannibal, Ohio; and Emma, widow of Prof. C. F. Paulus, who was the leading professor in Baldwin University, having charge of the

German department and some branches in the English department,—Mrs. Paulus now resides in Chicago, Illinois.

Edward Muhleman attended Baldwin University from 1859 to 1862, and on July 26th of the latter year enlisted in Company E, 116th Reg., Ohio Vol. Inf., as a private, and served in the Shenandoah Valley, under Generals Milroy, Schenck, Sigel, Hunter and Sheridan. He was made 1st sergeant, then 2d lieutenant, and at the same time was acting adjutant. From 1864 until the close of the war he was detailed as an acting signal officer in the signal service. He participated in the principal battles in the Shenandoah Valley, and was never wounded or taken prisoner. After the war he engaged in steamboating on the Ohio, between Wheeling, Cincinnati, St. Louis and New Orleans, and followed that from 1870 to 1881. He was clerk on the steamers "Major Anderson" and the "Andes," also the "New Andes." From 1881 to 1883 he managed the McLure House, and from the latter date until 1888 managed the Elson Glass Works at Martin's Ferry. From 1889 to 1901 he managed the Crystal Glass Works at Bridgeport, Ohio, and at the present time is organizing a new company to build and operate, at Bel-

laire, the largest glass works in this section. He has a thorough understanding of the business, and his success in the new venture is assured.

In 1886 Mr. Muhleman was united in marriage with Juliet McLure, a daughter of the late Captain John and Elizabeth McLure. They have one daughter, Helen. Mr. Muhleman takes much interest in politics, and generally votes the Republican ticket. He is one of the prominent business men of Wheeling, and a most worthy citizen.



RICHARD H. CRAMER, M. D.

RICHARD H. CRAMER, M. D., a physician and surgeon of New Cumberland, Hancock County, West Virginia, was born in Williamsburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, September 28,

1868, and is a son of Eli V. and Mary (Stansbury) Cramer and a grandson of Isaac and Mary (Hopkins) Cramer.

Dr. Cramer's ancestry has been distinguished for patriotic services in the different wars of this country. His great-grandfather, Isaiah Cramer, fought under Washington with the American forces during the Revolutionary war and his grandfather, Isaac Cramer, served in the War of 1812. His father, Eli V. Cramer, served in the Mexican War, as a member of Company H, 7th Pennsylvania Infantry, taking part under General Scott in the successful siege and capture of the city of Mexico. In the Civil War Eli V. Cramer was a member of Company C, 148th Reg., Pennsylvania Vol. Inf.

Our subject's parents were born, reared and married in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They removed to Blair County in 1864, where Mr. Cramer owned and operated the Elizabeth Furnace. He died at Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1899, aged 78 years. His widow still survives, aged 59 years.

Dr. Cramer is one of a family of 11 children born to his parents, the second in order of birth, the others being: Harry O., of Irvona, Pennsylvania; Jesse, of Crafton, Pennsylvania; Will-

iam and Victor, of Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania; Blanche, wife of Andrew Jackson, of Marionville, Pennsylvania; Walter, of Burgettstown, Pennsylvania; Annie, who is living at home at Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania; Zoe, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Edwin and Leila, of Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Cramer's parents located at Cherry Tree when he was a lad and in that vicinity he had his first schooling. His brother was the editor of the *Burgettstown Enterprise* and the youth secured employment on that paper and learned the business. He then began the study of medicine, and in 1892 entered the University of Pennsylvania where he was graduated in 1895, with the degree of M. D. In May of the same year he located at New Cumberland and has since been engaged in practice in that vicinity, each year having a wider and more lucrative field.

On June 2, 1896, Dr. Cramer was married to Ellen McCabe, of Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, who is a daughter of John and Charlotte (Porter) McCabe, the former of whom is engaged in the grocery business. Dr. Cramer is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and both he and his wife are active members. He is president of the Board of Education of New Cum-

berland, is a member of the West Virginia State Medical Society, the Mississippi Valley Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Stella Lodge, No. 47. In politics he is a Republican.



WILLIAM BURDETTE MATHEWS.

WILLIAM BURDETTE MATHEWS, clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, a leading member of the bar, and a prominent citizen of Charleston, Kanawha County, was born in Marshall County, West Virginia, August 27, 1866, and is a son of C. C. and Esther J. (Scott) Mathews.

W. B. Mathews received his edu-

cation in the public schools of West Virginia, and at Waynesburg (Pennsylvania) College, from which he graduated in 1886. He then taught for several terms, and in 1890 entered the law department of the Columbian University, at Washington, D. C., taking both the bachelor's and master's degree in law, and two years later, in 1892, was admitted to the bar. After four years of successful practice in Washington, D. C., he returned to his native county, and opened a law office at Moundsville, but in 1897 he was appointed chief clerk in the State Auditor's office, under Auditor La Follette, and removed to Charleston, the capital of the State. Later he was re-appointed by Auditor Arnold C. Scherr, resigning the position in order to accept that of Assistant Attorney General under Attorney General Freer. In 1902, when the vacancy arose, by the resignation of Gen. J. A. Holley, clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, Mr. Mathews was considered the best equipped man for this responsible position and he was immediately appointed to fill the vacancy. In this position he is making a most creditable record.

He has long been an active and zealous supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and at various

times has been honored with offices of trust, in all of which he has displayed excellent judgment, and in none more so than as a member of the finance committee, while a councilman from the Fifth Ward, in the Common Council of the city of Charleston. Mr. Mathews was president of the State League of Republican Clubs when it met at Parkersburg in 1900, and delivered the opening address at that large and enthusiastic meeting.

On October 25, 1900, Mr. Mathews was united in marriage with Elizabeth Blundon, of Charleston, West Virginia, and a daughter, Sarah Esther, was born to this union, on December 29, 1902. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mathews are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He served as a lay delegate to the General Conference of that church, held in May, 1900, at Chicago, Illinois, and was on the program of the International Epworth League Convention held at San Francisco, California, in 1901. Mr. Mathews has been prominent in Masonry, and is a member of La Fayette Lodge, No. 19, A. F. & A. M., of Washington; of Tyrean Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M., of Charleston, and is also past captain of Gen. B. F. Kelly Camp, Sons of Veterans, of Moundsville, West Virginia.



CAPT. WILLIAM SMITH.

CAPT. WILLIAM SMITH is probably the strongest character whose memory has ever been impressed upon the citizens of Mercer County, West Virginia. He was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1774, and when a mere lad removed with his father, Isaac Smith, to what is now Giles County, Virginia. He was descended from a hardy English stock, that had fought under Cromwell, and settled in Virginia shortly after the accession of Charles II.

Capt. William Smith, when young, bore a part, in the Kanawha Valley, in the Indian war then pending. When the county of Giles was formed, in 1806, he was appointed one of its first